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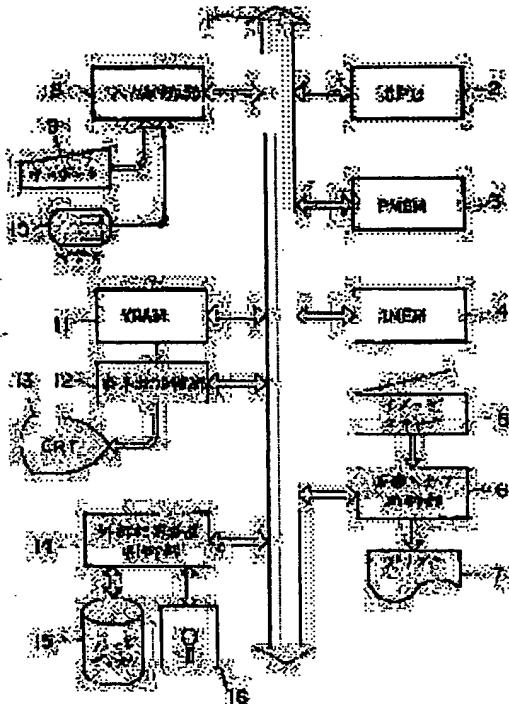
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(54) IMAGE PROCESSOR

(57)Abstract

PURPOSE: To convert a subject image all at once into the data of different forms for each part of the image when the image data of a certain form is converted into the data of another form.

CONSTITUTION: The image data stored in an IMEM 4 are displayed on a CRT 13. An operator designates a part that is converted into a character code after recognition of a character and a part that is converted into the graphic data based on the displayed image data. When the start of conversion is instructed, those designated parts are converted into each designated form and stored in an idle area of a PMEM 5 or the IMEM 4. When the conversion is completed, the converted data are read out from the storage destination and synthesized with the recomposed image data. Then the synthetic data are displayed on the CRT 13.



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する条件を具体的に示した図である。図中、B・C・D 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55 56 57 58 59 60 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 70 71 72 73 74 75 76 77 78 79 80 81 82 83 84 85 86 87 88 89 90 91 92 93 94 95 96 97 98 99 100 101 102 103 104 105 106 107 108 109 110 111 112 113 114 115 116 117 118 119 120 121 122 123 124 125 126 127 128 129 130 131 132 133 134 135 136 137 138 139 140 141 142 143 144 145 146 147 148 149 150 151 152 153 154 155 156 157 158 159 160 161 162 163 164 165 166 167 168 169 170 171 172 173 174 175 176 177 178 179 180 181 182 183 184 185 186 187 188 189 190 191 192 193 194 195 196 197 198 199 200 201 202 203 204 205 206 207 208 209 210 211 212 213 214 215 216 217 218 219 220 221 222 223 224 225 226 227 228 229 230 231 232 233 234 235 236 237 238 239 240 241 242 243 244 245 246 247 248 249 250 251 252 253 254 255 256 257 258 259 260 261 262 263 264 265 266 267 268 269 270 271 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て、曲線の近似を行う。もちろん、近似する曲線がスプーライン曲線ではなく、ベジエ曲線等であっても、なんら問題はない。

[0040] ステップS18では、ステップS17まで実施例1における曲線を直線に変換する。また、変換時に条件を指定することで、文字曲線が容易に変換される。

[0041] 以上で図形データへの変換が終了する。次に、図形データの属性について、実際の図形データへの変換を行なう。

[0042] 文字変換処理についての説明を行なう。

[0043] 文字認識の最初のステップとして、文字飛込すべき領域が指定されているかテストする(ステップS20)。

[0044] もしあれば、ステップS21においてステップS9でコピーされたバッファ内の画像データに対して文字切り処理を行なう。

[0045] 次にステップS22において、文字切りされた画像について文字の認識処理を行なう。

[0046] ステップS23において、ステップS22での文字認識結果と単語辞書との単語合致を行なう。

[0047] ステップS24において、ステップS22での文字認識結果に基づき、文字(コード)データに变换する。变换する結果のデータは、PMEM3あるいは1MEM4の空き領域に格納される。

[0048] ステップS27においては、文字変換処理が終了したAM11に格納する。この面像をCRT13に表示する。

から得られた文字の画像を重ね合わせて新たな面像データを作成し、それを表示することである。

[0049] 以上のようにして、変換後の図形データの表示が終了する際、図形データ自身の選択が容易なように、変換前の画像データを消去しているが、面像データをそのまま残していくこともでき、変換して新たなる選択のデータから元の画像を簡単に再構成することができる。

[0050] [図面の簡単な説明]

[実施例1] 実施例1・2の装置では、1つの面像を複数の部分とに分け、それそれぞれ面像データ形式に変換することにより、変換処理が効率化するという効果もある。

[実施例2] 実施例1においては、文字面像データの図形データへの変換を防ぐことを主な目的として、指定した長さ以上の連続した点列のみを図形データに変換するという簡単な条件付けをさせている。これに文字のポイント数を条件付けすることにより、指定ポイント数から得られる1文字の領域内に、連続する点列が詰まつていれば、連続する点列が操作者の指定した長さ以上のデータであっても、図形データへの変換は行なわないということが可能になる。こうすることにより、文字データと図形データの切り分けが一層簡略化される。

[実施例1] また、上記説明におけるポイント数の指定にかえて、緯横の長さ(ドット数でも可)でもかまわないことを直接指定することでも可能である。例えば、表示面像データ内の適当な1文字を囲むような領域を、マウス10により指定することで自動的に1文字分の緯横の長さを求めるようにしてしまえばならない。マウスにより直線を描くことによって(ただし、この直線は図形データとは関係ない)、描かれた直線から求まる長さを条件としてもよい。

[実施例1] また、実施例1においては、操作者が指定した長さ以上の連続する点列を図形データに変換するが、「以上」と「以下」を操作者が指定できるようにしてもらよい。これによつて、「以下」を指定することにより細かい画像データのみを図形データに変換させることが可能となる。これは上記で述べたがインボブの指定においても同様である。

[実施例1] 実施例1においては、一度の操作はマウス40のがインチングデバイスを用いることにより行なつてあるが、キーボードから操作できるようにしてもらよい。

[実施例2] 実施例1においては、面像データの部記憶装置においては、面像データからおこなつているが、面像データが取り込まれされ、他の入力装置からでも、外入力はイメージスキャナからおこなつているが、面像データが取り込まれた面像データであつても構わない。

[実施例3] また、図形データおよび図形データに変換する面像データの領域指定は、矩形領域で行なっているRAM11のビットマップデータに、文字コードデータ

が、円・椭円・多角形などの閉曲線であつてもよい。

[実施例4] 実施例1においては、本発明に係る面像データ作成装置、それを表示することである。

[実施例5] 実施例1と文字データとを得、得られたデータを再現する。また、変換時に条件を指定することで、文字面像が容易に変換される。直線はその両端に位置する2点を、折れ線は各頂点を、曲線は代表点(制御点)及びそれらの点を通る近似閾数を図形データとする。得られた図形データはPMEM3あるいは1MEM4の空き領域に格納しておく。変換された図形データの種類として上記3種類以外のものをつけ加えてもよい。

[他の実施例]

[実施例2] 実施例1においては、粗略化したデータ全てを図形データに変換したかどうかを判断し、まだ全て変換していない場合は、ステップS13の点列の抽出処理から繰返す。

[実施例3] 以上で図形データへの変換が終了する。次に、図10の文字変換処理についての説明を行なう。

[実施例4] 文字認識の最初のステップとして、文字飛込すべき領域が指定されているかテストする(ステップS20)。

[実施例5] もしあれば、ステップS21においてステップS9でコピーされたバッファ内の画像データに対して文字切り処理を行なう。

[実施例6] 次にステップS22において、文字切りされた画像について文字の認識処理を行なう。

[実施例7] 実施例1・2と異なる点は、面像データへの変換を文字の部分と图形の部分とに分け、それそれぞれ面像・图形のデータ形式に変換することにより、操作者が任意のタイミングで表示・消去を行なえるようにしてもらよい。

[実施例8] 実施例1・2の装置では、1つの面像を複数の部分とに分け、それそれぞれ面像データ形式に変換する。また、面像データを消去することができる。面像データを削除する場合に再構成することができること。

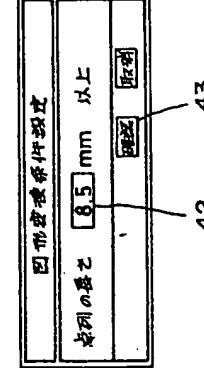
[実施例9] 実施例1・2の装置では、1つの面像を複数の部分とに分け、それそれぞれ面像データ形式に変換する。また、面像データを表示消去するものであった。しかし、同時に2種に限つたものではなく、他の変換が広くついても良い。

[実施例10] 実施例1の文字・面像データへの変換に加えて、無変換という変換を行なう。即ち、面像データそのままの領域が指定された面像データそのままである。この様に第9の変換をするならば、必ず変換条件の設定メニューにもう1種追加する必要がある。即ち、図8のステップS3～S6と並んで無変換領域の指定をさせざる限りは、まだ、ステップ1～0で文字変換領域をとりだした後、無変換領域の有無をテストし、有るならば、その領域をとりだしてメモリストに追加し、面像データから無変換領域1～1を空き部分に追加し、面像データがから無変換領域1～1を消去してしまう。無変換であるから変換にかかる処理は特にない。面像を再現する際に、図形データから再生された面像と文字データから再生された面像の合成が計画から無変換領域として保存されていた領域1～1を更に合成してビットマップデータを作り、CRT13に表示する。

[実施例11] この様に、3種類の変換を取り混ぜて行なう。即ち、データから面像を再構成する装置でも実施例1と同様に処理することができます。

[実施例12] 前、本発明は複数の機器から構成されるシステムに適用しても、1つの機器から成る装置に適用しても良い。また、本発明はシステム並は接続にプログラムを供給することによつて構成される場合にも適用できることはうまでもない。

[図4] [図5] [図6]



[図7] [図8] [図9]

[図10] [図11] [図12]

[図13] [図14] [図15]

[図16] [図17] [図18]

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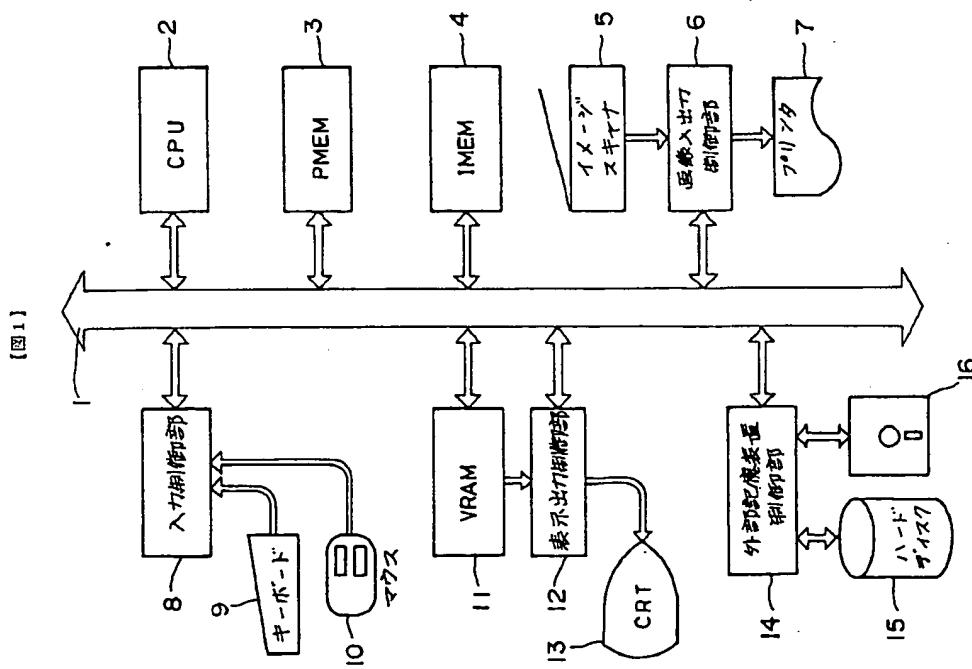
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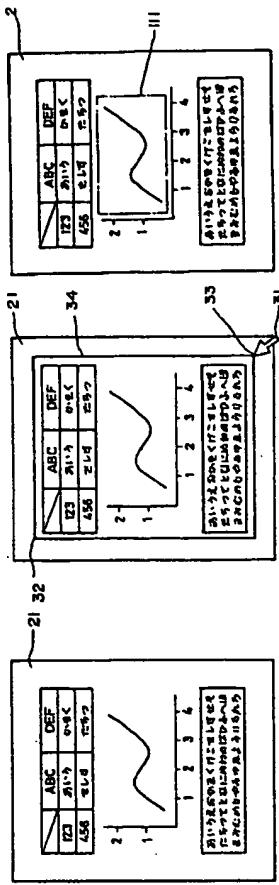
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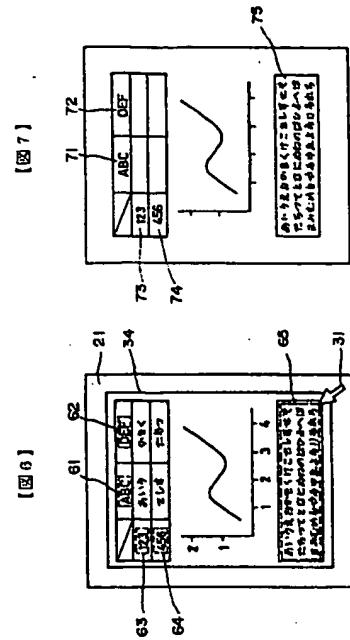
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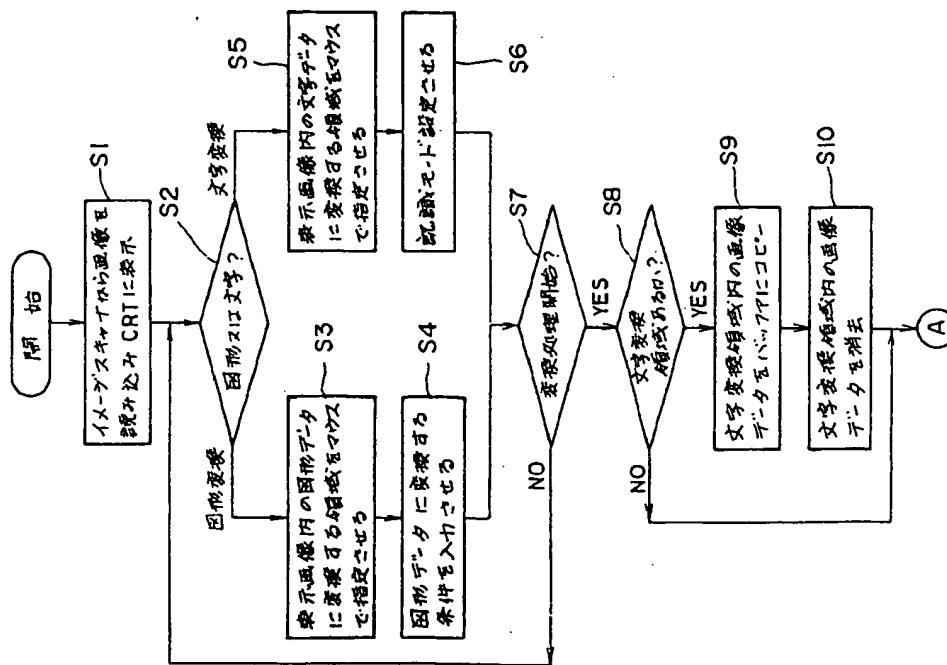
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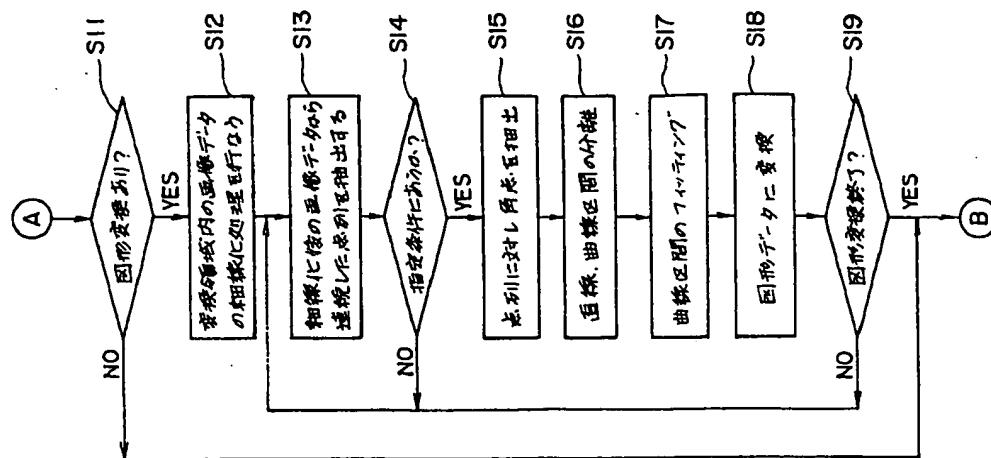
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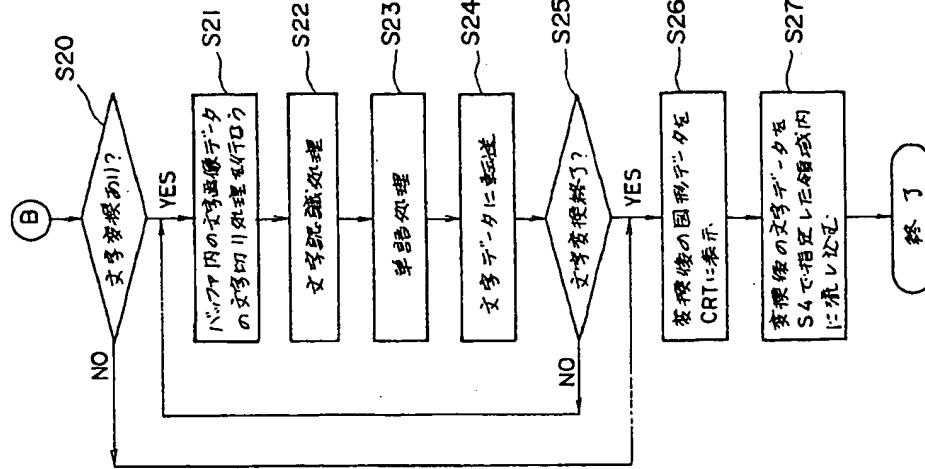
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DETAILED DESCRIPTION

[Detailed Description of the Invention]

[0001]

[Industrial Application] This invention relates to the image processing system which reads and carries out data conversion of the image.

[0002]

[Description of the Prior Art] If it was in the equipment which changes one image data into the data of a different class like graphic data and alphabetic data conventionally, each conversion function existed independently like the function to change image data into graphic data, and the function to change image data into alphabetic data. For this reason, in telling graphic data that a portion with one image changes another portion into alphabetic data, in order to obtain graphic data first, an image is read from a scanner etc., and after editing the read image and removing an unnecessary portion, it changes into graphic data, and memorizes the obtained graphic data temporarily. Next, in order to obtain alphabetic data, reading repair and the read image are again edited from a scanner etc., and said image data is changed into alphabetic data. Thus, the original image has been reproduced only after performing each conversion independently, reproducing image data from the obtained data and re-compounding them.

[0003]

[Problem(s) to be Solved by the Invention] However, in the equipment mentioned above, in order to read image data in order to change a certain portion in one image data into alphabetic data to change a certain another portion into graphic data at alphabetic data, and to change into graphic data, the same image data must be reread again. Thus, the trouble of [whenever the class of conversion changes, it is necessary to reread an image, although images are few whenever the trouble that processing becomes complicated, and the input unit for reading image data read into a ***** case with a scanner, in order to change, exact conversion carries out, and] ***** is *****.

[0004] Moreover, the trouble that image edit etc. must be performed to the image data whenever it reads since only a required field is transformed to graphic data or alphabetic data, and there is nothing in the equipment mentioned above in addition to the time and effort of rereading image data repeatedly if it is **** is *****.

[0005] This invention was made in view of the above-mentioned conventional example, can perform at once different conversion for every portion specified to one image data, and aims at offering the image processing system which can reconfigure the original image easily from the data of a different class changed and acquired.

[0006]

[Means for Solving the Problem] In order to attain the above-mentioned purpose, an image processing system of this invention consists of the following configurations.

[0007] The 1st assignment means which specifies the format at the time of being the image processing system which changes and stores image data in other format, and changing image data into other data format, The 2nd assignment means which specifies a field changed into format specified with this assignment means in image data as 1 set of formal assignment means It has a conversion means to

change into data format which had image data in a field specified by two or more sets of formal assignment means which are two or more format that data format specified with said 1st assignment means differs, and said formal assignment means specified.

[0008]

[Function] The image processing system of this invention divides one image data into some portions by the above-mentioned configuration, and it changes into the data of different format for every portion of the. Moreover, the changed data can be returned to image data and they can be compounded.

[0009]

[Example] the following and an accompanying drawing -- therefore, the example of this invention is explained to details. In addition, if the function of this invention is performed, it cannot be overemphasized in the system to which processing is performed also for ***** through networks, such as LAN, by the system which ***** also becomes from two or more devices by the device of a simple substance that this invention is applied also for *****.

[0010] [Example 1] drawing 1 is system block drawing of the image processing system which is the example of this invention. 1 is a system bus and each configuration block to be explained from now on is connected to this system bus. 2 is CPU (Centrlal Processing Uint). 3 is memory (Following PMEM is called) which stores a program or a text. Selection/reading of the program for edit processing are suitably done from a hard disk 14 at PMEM3, and it is performed by CPU2. Moreover, the data inputted from the keyboard 9 is stored in PMEM3 as code information. The graphic data changed from image data are also stored in PMEM. After [VRAM / 11] being developed by IMEM of 4, it is developed upwards, and the image data into which 4 is a printer and image memory (Following IMEM is called) and 5 were read [4 / an image I/O control unit and 7] for an image scanner and 6 from the image scanner 5 is displayed on CRT13. Moreover, a printing image is outputted to a printer 7 by control of image I/O control unit 6, after being developed by IMEM4 as bjt map data. 8 is the input-control section and the input unit of keyboard 9 and mouse 10 grade is connected. An operator performs the operating command of a system etc. by operating this keyboard 9. Moreover, the mouse 10 is for carrying out selection / processing directions of the image information on CRT13, and in this example, although it is using the mouse, it should just be a pointing device. The mouse cursor on CRT13 is moved in the direction of X-Y with a mouse 10 at arbitration, and selection and edit of selection and the graphic data of the selection and the image data of a menu are performed. As for video image memory (VRAM is called hereafter) and 12, 11 is [a display-output control section and 13] CRT. The data displayed on CRT13 is developed by VRAM11 as bit map data. For example, if it is graphic data, the graphic form pattern corresponding to its location and attribute information is developed by VRAM as an image. Moreover, it is possible to generate direct cursor to the data of VRAM by software control, and to display. 14 is an external storage control section and a disk for data files in 15-16, 15 is a hard disk (Following HD is called), and 16 is a floppy disk (Following FD is called).

[0011] Drawing 2 to drawing 7 is drawing explaining the activity of the image processing system of this example.

[0012] It is drawing having shown the condition of drawing 2 having read the image from the image scanner 5, and having displayed on CRT13, and 21 is display image data.

[0013] Drawing 3 is drawing which specified the field to change into graphic data within the display image data 21. The field 34 made by moving pushing the left carbon button of a mouse to the termination location 33 of a field to change the cursor (for a mouse cursor to be called below) 31 which shows the location on CRT13 of a mouse 10 from the starting position 32 of a field to change turns into a conversion field.

[0014] Drawing 4 is drawing having shown the screen for setting up the conditions at the time of changing the image data in the above-mentioned conversion field 34 into graphic data. 41 is a graphic form conversion conditioning window, and only when a numeric character is inputted into the condition input area 42 in a window 41 from a keyboard 9 and the length of the sequence of points which image data follows is said beyond input numeric character, it is changed into graphic data. When inputting nothing, all the image data in a graphic form conversion field is changed into graphic data. The

conditions of graphic form conversion will be determined by specifying a confirmation button 43. [0015] Drawing 5 is drawing having shown concretely the conditions which change continuous sequence of points into graphic data. B-C-D-E is the branch point among drawing, and the sequence of points which continue at this point go out. That is, in this Fig., continuous sequence of points (it is hereafter called a segment) are nine of AB-BC-CD-DE-EF-BG-CH-DI-EJ, and these segments are changed into the graphic data which became independent respectively. for example, when the branch point B is observed, it is ***** to the conditions which the length of Segment BG set up by drawing 4 -- and if the conditions which the length of Segments AB or BC set up by drawing 4 also as ** are suited, it will be changed into a graphic form noting that the intermediary **** segment BG fulfills [the rope] conditions to it.

[0016] Drawing 6 is drawing which specified the field to change into alphabetic data within the display image data 21, and is specified using a mouse cursor 31 with the same specification method as explanation by drawing 3. Thus, the specified field is 61-62-63-64, and it is shown by the dashed line in order to distinguish from the graphic form conversion field 34. Although the transliteration field exists inside a graphic form conversion field in drawing 6, this is because it came inside on account of explanation, and ***** does not matter in fact where in image data, either.

[0017] Drawing 7 is drawing having shown the condition after changing respectively the graphic form conversion field 34 and the transliteration field 61-62-63-64 in image data into graphic data and alphabetic data. The inside 71-72-73-74-75 of drawing is the field changed into alphabetic data, and is changed into graphic data except it. Moreover, in case the image which is not shown in drawing 7 while being displayed by the image data of drawing 6 is changed into graphic data, it is changed into graphic data according to the aforementioned graphic form conversion conditions, and it is inside *** image data and such image data is eliminated white.

[0018] Next, actuation of the image processing system of an example is explained using a flow chart.

[0019] Drawing 8, and drawing 9 and drawing 10 are the flow charts explaining actuation of this example, and show the procedure of the processing performed by CPU2. The flow chart of drawing 8 explains actuation of the conversion block definition to image data until it performs graphic form conversion and a transliteration, the flow chart of drawing 9 performs the processing process of graphic form conversion, the flow chart of drawing 10 actually performs a transliteration, and actuation until it displays the result on CRT13 is explained. Although these are divided for convenience, they are a series of processings. Moreover, what was illustrated is only a portion in connection with transform processing, and the portion which is not related is excluded.

[0020] An operator makes a graphic form read from an image scanner 5 first.

[0021] In step S1, the image data of the image read from the image scanner 5 is stored in IMEM4, it, develops to VRAM11, and image data is displayed on CRT13.

[0022] Next, in order to specify a graphic form conversion field, an operator uses a mouse 10 and chooses graphic form conversion criteria specification from a menu. If a menu is chosen, it will test about selected contents.

[0023] It first tests whether in step S2, the selected menu is conversion in a graphic form, or it is conversion to an alphabetic character. If it is conversion in a graphic form, the target field will be made to specify at step S3. That is, if an operator starts the depression of the left carbon button of a mouse in the arbitration location in image data, and moves a mouse with the condition of a depression, and the above-mentioned depression starting position and a current mouse cursor location are made into the diagonal line, a rectangle will be drawn as a continuous line. The field in this rectangle turns into a graphic-data conversion field, and this field is decided by ending the depression of the left carbon button of a mouse. ***** does not care about a graphic form conversion field with plurality, either.

[0024] Step S4 is a step into which the conversion conditions to graphic data are made to input to the conditioning window (shown in drawing 4) displayed when the above-mentioned graphic form conversion field is specified. an operator -- directions of a window -- therefore, conditions are inputted and graphic form conversion conditions are decided by specifying a check. this conversion conditioning window -- even [a graphic form conversion field] -- ***** -- since the first half of the 1st inning is

shown, ***** conditions can be set up to each conversion field.

[0025] After one conditioning finishes, an item is made to choose from a menu again. The contents of selection are tested (step S7, S2), and if it is a setup of the conversion conditions to an alphabetic character, an object domain will be made to specify at step S5. That is, if an operator starts the depression of the left carbon button of a mouse in the arbitration location in image data and moves a mouse with the condition of a depression, the rectangle which makes the diagonal line a depression starting position and a current mouse cursor location will be drawn with a dashed line. Because it enabled it to distinguish from a graphic form conversion field, it is drawn with a dashed line. The field in this rectangle turns into an alphabetic character data-conversion field, and this field is decided by ending the depression of the left carbon button of a mouse. ***** does not care about a transliteration field with plurality, either.

[0026] Step S6 is a step into which the discernment conditions of whether the alphabetic character in the field specified to the character recognition condition decision window displayed when a transliteration field is specified recognizes lateral writing, columnar writing, and a space, and alphabetic data are made to input. Character recognition conditions are decided by an intermediary operator's inputting recognition conditions, although it was made directions of a window, and specifying a check. this character recognition conditioning window -- even [a conversion field] -- ***** -- since the first half of the 1st inning is shown, different character recognition conditions to each conversion field can be set up.

[0027] After assignment of a graphic form conversion field and a transliteration field is completed, an item is made to choose from a menu. If the contents of selection are tested (step S7) and transform-processing initiation is chosen, transform processing will be started to the specified conversion field. The processing internally performed first in the case of conversion is decision whether there is any transliteration field, and, in other words, is whether the operator performed step S5 and 6. This step is step S8.

[0028] In step S8, when it is judged that there is no transliteration field, step S9 and step S10 are not performed, but progresses to graphic form transform processing as it is.

[0029] In step S7, when it is judged that there is a transliteration field, it progresses to the following step S9, the buffer for transliterations is newly taken to the field which **ed in PMEM3 or IMEM4, and the image data in a transliteration field is copied there. Even a transliteration field receives and this one copy buffer exists.

[0030] In step S10, the transliteration field in image data is eliminated white after copy termination. the semantics which prevents this incorrect-recognizing the image data in a transliteration field in a graphic form in the case of graphic form conversion, and the semantics which makes speed of graphic form conversion quick -- with, it is.

[0031] As mentioned above, if a setup of conditions is completed, actual graphic form conversion and transliteration processing will be started from step S11.

[0032] The flow chart of drawing 9 is explained.

[0033] It tests whether at step S11, there is any conversion field specified as the graphic form for conversion first. Supposing it is, in step S12, thinning of the image data in a graphic form conversion field will be performed. Thinning is processing which uses image data as the line drawing data of 1-dot width of face. Although the algorithm of thinning is used as processing of the preceding paragraph story of recognition of a graphic form in the image processing system of this example, this thinning technique is a way method, and it is satisfactory even if it has adopted technique other than this.

[0034] After thinning of the image data in a graphic form conversion field is completed, in step S13, the inside of a graphic form conversion field is scanned, and 1 set of sequence of points which image data followed are extracted.

[0035] Next, in step S14, the continuous sequence of points extracted at step S13 judge whether the graphic form conversion conditions set up by step S4 are suited. When it is judged that conditions are fulfilled here, if it is not progressing and filling to the following step S15, the sequence of points by which return and a degree followed step S13 are extracted.

[0036] If conditions are filled with step S14, in step S15, the point (the salient point is called hereafter) used as an angle will be extracted about the continuous sequence of points extracted at step S13. The extract of this salient point is **** intermediary **** by asking for the curvature of sequence of points in this example. However, ***** is also satisfactory by any technique other than this.

[0037] In step S16, in a straight line, when one side of 2 sets of sequence of points divided on both sides of the salient point has recognized it as intermediary **** *** in the configuration of sequence of points so that it may say that another side is a curve, it divides the above-mentioned sequence of points which carry out continuation in the salient point.

[0038] Furthermore, in step S17, to the sequence of points recognized to be a curve, polygonal-line approximation is carried out first and a curve is approximated for the folding point which was able to be found by the approximation as a control point of a spline curve. Of course, as for the curve to approximate, a problem does not have ***** in any way not at a spline curve but at a Bezier curve etc., either.

[0039] At step S18, conversion to actual graphic data is performed based on the contents of recognition to step S17. It is changed into three sorts of graphic data of a straight line, the polygonal line, and a curve in this example. Let the approximation function with which the polygonal line passes along both ends and each top-most vertices, and a curve passes along representation points (control point) and those points two points to which a straight line is located in the both ends be graphic data. The obtained graphic data are stored in the free area of PMEM3 or IMEM4. Things other than the three above-mentioned kind may be added as a class of graphic data changed.

[0040] In step S19, when it judges whether all the data that carried out thinning was changed into graphic data and all are not changed yet, it repeats from extract processing of the sequence of points of step S13.

[0041] Conversion to graphic data is completed above. Next, explanation about transliteration processing of drawing 10 is performed.

[0042] It tests whether the field which should be carried out a transliteration is specified as a step of the beginning of character recognition (step S20).

[0043] If it is, alphabetic character end processing will be performed to the image data in the buffer copied by step S9 in step S21.

[0044] Next, in step S22, recognition processing of an alphabetic character is performed about the image by which the alphabetic character end was carried out.

[0045] In step S23, word collating with the result in step S22 which carried out character recognition, and a word dictionary is performed.

[0046] In step S24, it changes into alphabetic character (code) data based on the character recognition result in step S22. The changed data of a result is stored in the free area of PMEM3 or IMEM4.

[0047] In step S25, it judges whether transform processing to all transliteration images was completed. When it is judged that it has not ended yet, the processing from step S21 is repeated until conversion to a character code ends about all the candidates for conversion. When it is judged that graphic form transform processing was completed at step S19, and transliteration processing was completed at step S25, it progresses to step S26. At this step S26, from the graphic data after conversion, an image is reconfigured, the bit map data for a display is created, and it stores in VRAM11. This image is displayed on CRT13.

[0048] In step S27, alphabetic data [finishing / a transliteration] is slushed into a void ***** field in the field S10 which specified the transliteration at step S5, i.e., a step, inside, and the result is displayed on CRT13. This is laying the image of the alphabetic character obtained from character code data on top of the bit map data of VRAM11, creating new image data to it, and displaying it on it.

[0049] In the above procedure, the graphic data and alphabetic data which were obtained from the image of a basis can be obtained, and an image can be reproduced from the obtained data. Moreover, it is lost by specifying conditions at the time of conversion that an alphabetic character image is easily changed into graphic data, and it is effective in it being few compared with the case where the amount of information of graphic data also changes an alphabetic character image into graphic data, and ending.

Moreover, there is also an effect that transform processing increases the efficiency, by performing conversion to graphic data, and conversion to alphabetic data to coincidence.

[0050]

[Other Example(s)]

In the [example 2] example 1, easy conditioning of changing only the sequence of points followed more than the specified length by setting it as the main purposes to prevent conversion to the graphic data of alphabetic character image data into graphic data is carried out. If the sequence of points which continue in the field of one character obtained from an assignment point size by adding to this a condition [the point size of an alphabetic character] are settled, it will become possible for the conversion to graphic data not to perform ***** by the data more than the length which the operator specified [continuous sequence of points], either. By carrying out like this, alphabetic data and graphic data carving is clarified further.

[0051] Moreover, it is also possible to change to assignment of the point size in the above-mentioned explanation, and to specify length (for the number of dots or mm to be sufficient) in every direction directly. For example, it is good for making it find the length in every direction for one character automatically by specifying a field which surrounds one suitable character in display image data with a mouse 10, and drawing a straight line with a mouse also considering the length which can be found from the drawn straight line therefore (however, this straight line is not related to graphic data) as conditions.

[0052] Moreover, although he is trying to change into graphic data the sequence of points followed more than the length specified by an operator, an operator may enable it to specify the "above" and the "following" in an example 1. It becomes possible by therefore specifying the "following" as this to transform only fine image data to graphic data. This is the same also in assignment of the point size described above.

[0053] Although a series of actuation is performed by using pointing devices, such as a mouse, you may enable it to operate it from a keyboard in an example 1.

[0054] Moreover, in an example 1, ***** does not care about an image entry of data with the image data it was remembered to be by external storage even from other input units if only intermediary **** *** from an image scanner could incorporate image data, either.

[0055] Moreover, although the block definition of the image data changed into graphic data and graphic data is performed in the rectangle field, ***** is also good in closed regions, such as a circle, an ellipse, and a polygon.

[0056] Although the own check of graphic data has eliminated the image data before conversion so that easily in case the graphic data after conversion display, it may leave image data as it is, and an operator may enable it to perform display and elimination to the timing of arbitration by establishing the change means of image data display elimination in an example 1.

[0057] It was what divides one image into the portion of an alphabetic character, and the portion of a graphic form, and changes it into the data format of an alphabetic character and a graphic form with the [example 3] example 1 and the equipment of 2, respectively. However, conversion is not what was restricted to these two sorts, and other conversion may be mixed.

[0058] In addition to conversion to the alphabetic character and graphic data of an example 1, conversion of no changing is performed. namely, image data -- a field as it is is made to specify the field surrounded with the dashed line in drawing 11 -- image data -- it is the portion specified that it remains as it is. Thus, if 3rd conversion is carried out, it is necessary to add one more sort to the menu of a setup of conversion conditions first. That is, the processing which makes a non-changed field specify together with steps S3-S6 of drawing 8 is added. Moreover, if the existence of a non-changed field is tested after taking out a transliteration field at step 10, the field will be taken out, it will evacuate to the empty portion of memory, and the non-changed field 111 will be eliminated from image data. Since it did not change, there is especially no processing in connection with conversion. In case an image is reproduced, after composition of the image reproduced from graphic data and the image reproduced from alphabetic data finishes, the field 111 saved as a non-changed field is compounded further, bit map data is made, and it displays on CRT13.

[0059] Thus, it can process with the equipment which mixes three kinds of conversion together, carries out, and reconfigurates an image from the changed data as well as an example 1.

[0060] In addition, even if it applies this invention to the system which consists of two or more devices, it may be applied to the equipment which consists of one device. Moreover, it cannot be overemphasized that it can apply also when therefore attained by that this invention supplies a program to a system or equipment.

[0061]

[Effect of the Invention] As explained above, the image processing system concerning this invention can perform at once different conversion for every portion specified to one image data, and can reconfigure the original image easily from the data of a different class changed and acquired.

[Translation done.]